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TOPICS OF THE DAY.

A "Sit" Worth Having.
A place on the Panama canal commission is worth working for. The time limit for the completion of the work is 36 years.

Nearest Our Thoughts.
It is time to abandon the movement for government ownership of coal mines and take up the cry of government ownership of ice factories.

Few Holidays For the Czar.
The laboring classes in Russia have established 140 annual holidays. There are so many parades to review that the czar is the hardest worked man in the empire.

Slipping Away From "Traditions."
An old-fashioned editor pleads for a return to hanging as a means of suicide instead of carbolic acid. But we are slipping away from all the good old traditions.

Gov. Odell Will Go in Style.
The trip of Gov. Odell to the St. Louis fair will cost the state of New York \$50,000. The executive will take an entire regiment along with him as his personal escort.

Sochow to Have a College.
The work on the college building at Sochow is progressing favorably. The contractor has undertaken to have it finished by the first of April. Plans are being laid for the improvement of the mission property in Shanghai.

Seasickness Will Be Rare.
The first voyage of the Cedric, whose length is 700 feet, tends to confirm the claim that seasickness will be rare on ships of this size. While the Cedric pitched to some extent, she did not roll even when a gale was blowing.

Rake-offs and Rakes.
The marriage of the Earl of Yarmouth and Miss Thaw "hung fire" for a time because those who control the estate refused to allow the bride more than \$25,000 a year. The executors were heeding the advice of John W. Snyder, that "America should keep its rakes-off and Europe should keep its rakes."

How the Japanese Sleep.
The Japanese never sleep with the head to the north. This is because the dead, in Japan, are always buried with the head in that position. In the sleeping rooms of many of the private houses and of hotels, a diagram of the points of the compass is posted upon the ceiling for the convenience of guests.

Apple Tree Statistics.
The latest estimate places the total number of apple trees of bearing age in the United States at something over 200,000,000. This is nearly three trees to every person. These trees yield more than 175,000,000 bushels. Not all of these apples are consumed at home, for in years of full crop more than 3,000,000 go abroad. Yet the apples kept at home are more than two bushels to every adult and child.

Time Is All That Is Needed.
Give organized society time enough and it always repents keeping anybody in prison, and lets them off. Mrs. Maybrick is to be restored to America next year, perhaps as part of the Louisiana purchase celebration—as much as anything else. It is reassuring to be told that Mrs. Maybrick will come into a fortune in Virginia lands, else she might be compelled to seek the stage or take to the lecture platform.

Down the Missouri to the Fair.
A prominent resident of Bismarck, N. D., is arranging to start a steamboat up the Missouri from St. Louis to the head of navigation in March, 1904, which is to carry down the river to St. Louis the governors of all the northwestern states and their representative delegations at the world's fair. Presumably the boat will go up as far as Fort Benton, in Montana, which is as far as navigation extended in the days of steamboating on the river.

Sentiment Pushed Aside.
Gen. Fred Grant has sold for \$60,000 the Washington house which was presented to his mother by friends of Gen. Grant soon after the latter's death. The house brought about the sum that was paid for it. It is rather strange, however, that a house that came into the family as that one should be sold, particularly as the sale compels Gen. Grant's sister, Mrs. Nellie Sartoris, who is now a widow and in feeble health, to remove to an apartment house—Jola (Kan.) Register.

The Earth Is "It."
Prof. Wallace, a noted astronomer declares that it is proved to a certainty that our solar system is the very center of all the heavens, and that the earth is the best situated in the sun's system for the development of the highest forms of life. Therefore his conclusion is that of the earth alone does man exist, this being based on the theory that all of the spheres are part of a plan or aim which has for its culminating point the production of an intelligent being.

RODE ON AN ENGINE.

President Roosevelt Had a Novel Experience the First Day Out on His 14,000-Mile Trip.

Washington, April 2.—President Roosevelt at 9:03 Wednesday morning started on his western trip under the most favorable auspices. As the special train pulled out of the Pennsylvania station the president stood on the platform of his car, tipping his hat and smiling in response to the enthusiastic cheers of hundreds of admirers.

The President Rides on an Engine.
Pittsburg, Pa., April 2.—President Roosevelt viewed the scenery around the famous horseshoe curve yesterday afternoon from a seat in the cab of a locomotive attached to his special train, and after a ride of about 50 miles expressed himself as delighted with his experience.

WON BY A NEGRO.

William Pickens Wins the Henry James Ten Euro Prize at Yale for Excellence in Junior Exhibition Speaking.

New Haven, Conn., April 2.—The Henry James Ten Euro prize at Yale was awarded last night to William Pickens, a member of the junior academic class, whose home is in Little Rock, Ark. The prize is the income of \$2,600 given annually for excellence in the junior exhibition speaking. Pickens is a negro. He is said to be the first student of that race who has ever participated in the Ten Euro speaking. Pickens' subject was "Hayti." He treated the history of the island historically and economically and predicted that its welfare lay in the control of its destinies by Great Britain or America. There were four other speakers. The five judges returned to the hall within a few minutes to give their decision.

CADETS ON THE "WARPATH."

Arrest of Gov. Ferguson's Son at Lexington, Mo., Started Trouble at Westworth Military Academy.

Lexington, Mo., April 2.—As a result of the arrest of Cadet Walter Ferguson, son of Gov. Ferguson, of Oklahoma, for carrying concealed weapons, Tuesday evening, the cadets of the Westworth Military academy went on the warpath in the vicinity of Central Female college at night. The cadets became so noisy and troublesome that Sheriff Thomas and his deputies attempted to arrest them for disturbing the peace. The boys resisted arrest, and as a result, several of them were soundly thrashed and 50 of their number lodged in jail.

Investigating Death of the A'm Bill.

Jefferson City, Mo., April 2.—Attorney General Crow is assisting Prosecuting Attorney Stone before the grand jury investigating the charges of the legislature. Lieut. Gov. Lee has been summoned as a witness. It is supposed that he will be asked regarding the death of the A'm bill in the senate on which he seemed to have changed front. Lee gave the deciding vote in favor of the baking powder trust.

Big Gas Well Brought In.

Chanute, Kan., April 2.—The Riverside Oil and Gas company brought in a big gas well estimated at 8,000,000 on its holdings south of town, near the Austin mill dam, yesterday. The territory south of Chanute has been developed very little. North of town yesterday the Chicago Crude brought in two good oil wells on its property, each of which is estimated at 100 barrels a day.

Is Creator Insane?

Kansas City, Mo., April 2.—A dispatch from Knoxville, Tenn., says a letter received in that city by a friend of Guiseppe Creator, the great band leader, who appeared here last winter, states that the band conductor has been placed in a private sanitarium near Cincinnati, being madly insane from unrequited love.

Receipts and Expenditures.

Washington, April 2.—The comparative statement of the government receipts and expenditures shows that for the month of March, 1903, the total receipts were \$45,435,434 and the disbursements \$44,987,557, leaving a surplus for the month of \$447,877.

A Southern Negro Displaced.

Natchez, Miss., April 1.—Capt. John Russell, who was appointed collector of customs at Natchez, is a one-armed Confederate veteran and a democrat. L. J. Stone, who resigned the office, is a negro attorney. He will go to Greenville, Miss., to live.

Declared Cigarettes Must Be Prohibited.

Ottawa, Ont., April 2.—By a vote of 103 to 48 yesterday the house declared its opinion that in order to save the youth of the country the manufacture, sale and importation of cigarettes should be prohibited.

Big March Immigration.

New York, April 2.—The Ellis Island immigration bureau reports that during March 63,376 aliens entered the port of New York, an increase of 7,710 over the same month of last year.

Carpenters at Schenectady, N. Y., Strike.

Schenectady, N. Y., April 2.—The long threatened strike of the carpenters for 40 cents an hour instead of 35 cents, the present rate, began Wednesday and building operations are tied up throughout the city. Over 800 men are affected.

Empire City Devastated by Fire.

Galea, Kan., April 2.—Empire City was the scene of a disastrous fire yesterday in which the better class of business buildings of that place and practically all their contents went up in smoke.

Blood shed in a French Duel.

Paris, April 2.—The brother of Mlle. Emma Tourret was wounded in the forehead Wednesday in a duel fought with M. Marcel Prevost, the novelist, at Neuilly. Mlle. fired two shots from a revolver Monday at M. Prevost.

Iowa Troops for St. Louis.

Des Moines, Ia., April 2.—The Fifty-fourth Regiment, Iowa National Guard, with 1,000 men, will go into camp in the world's fair grounds at St. Louis the last week of next three or four days.

ADAMS FAVORS TRAINMEN.

Federal Judge Refuses to Restrict Wash. Employes from Striking—Arbitration Now Probable.

St. Louis, April 2.—In the U. S. district court Judge Elmer B. Adams handed down a decision dissolving the injunction granted March 3 restraining officials of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Railroad Trainmen and other labor leaders from influencing in any way or ordering the men employed on the Wash. system to strike. The temporary injunction had been granted by Judge Adams, on allegations made by officials of Wash. system that the defendants were conspiring to interfere with interstate traffic and the transmission of U. S. mails.

Mr. F. N. Judson, of St. Louis, special counsel for the brotherhoods, stated to the Associated press that he and Col. Wells H. Blodgett, general solicitor of the Wash. railroad company were making efforts to bring all the parties in interest together and that in his opinion an amicable agreement would be arrived at, and that there would be no strike.

TO GREET THE PRESIDENT.

Enterprising Stockmen at Hugo, Col., Will Give a Cowboy Dinner to Mr. Roosevelt.

Denver, Col., April 2.—A little entertainment not on the official program will be offered to President Roosevelt by the stockmen of eastern Colorado at Hugo, Col., on the morning of May 4. The presidential train will necessarily be stopped at Hugo for 25 minutes, the only stop between the Kansas border and Denver, and the enterprising stockmen, after negotiating successfully with the railroad officials for 30 minutes' additional time, arranged for a typical cowboy breakfast to be tendered to the president. Two hundred cowboys in range regalia will salute the president on his arrival and 2,000 stockmen and ranchmen and their families who would be unable to greet the president in Denver will be there to welcome him.

Money to Build a Soldiers' Clubhouse.

Philadelphia, April 2.—The Pennsylvania chapters of the Daughters of the American Revolution, who have been given authority by congress to build a \$10,000 clubhouse in Manila for the use of the private soldiers in the United States army, yesterday deposited the money to pay for the structure with Drexel & Co., payable to the order of Elihu Root, secretary of war. The women will bear the entire cost of the building and the government will maintain it.

A Western Hall of Fame.

New York, April 2.—At the suggestion of Ernest Thompson Seton, the directors of the St. Louis fair have decided to establish a western hall of fame, in which there are to be statues of 50 of the men who distinguished themselves in the winning of the west. The selection of those to be honored, it is proposed, shall be determined by popular vote. It is also proposed that there shall be four large historical pictures illustrative of deeds of the pioneers.

Ten Chinese Bankers Sued.

Victoria, B. C., April 2.—Advices received from China yesterday stated that a commercial crisis threatens Tientsin. Under date of March 17 it is reported that the foreign banks have been refusing credit to several of the native exchange shops and this, combined with a scarcity of specie, has led to the suicide of ten Chinese bankers. They ended their lives by the usual Chinese method of taking opium.

Increase of Wages for 25,000 Men.

Chicago, April 2.—Beginning today 25,000 men in the building industry started work at an increase in wages aggregating in round numbers 1½ million dollars a year. With the quitting hour last night practically all the agreements signed after the lock-out of 1903 expired, and with but two or three exceptions all have been renewed.

Faithful to Farmish Water.

Louisville, Ky., April 2.—Twenty-four insurance companies filed suit against the Louisville Water company for amounts aggregating \$91,000, alleged to be due because of the failure of the company to properly supply the fire department with water, thus resulting in disastrous fires which could otherwise have been averted.

Eight-Hour Day Celebrated.

Topeka, Kan., April 2.—Yesterday was observed as a holiday by all the coal miners in Kansas. It was the anniversary of the introduction of the eight-hour day, which was first established in 1898, and is celebrated every year by the miners of the state.

The Public Debt.

Washington, April 2.—The monthly statement of the public debt shows that at the close of business March 31, 1903, the total debt, less cash in the treasury, amounted to \$939,605,919, an increase for the month of \$1,631,021.

Will Fight the Creamery Trust.

Hutchinson, Kan., April 2.—A company of Kansas City men have bought the Parker creamery, of this city, the largest independent plant in the state. The new company is called the Shady Grove Creamery company. This company is the greatest competitor of the trust in the Kansas field and the Shady Grove company will remain independent of the trust. The company here already operates 40 skimming stations and has in the neighborhood of 1,500 customers.

Five D. C. Strikers in Chicago.

Chicago, April 1.—Five strikers, involving over 5,000 men, were inaugurated yesterday in addition to the spreading of that of the tanners and carriers which began yesterday with 300 men out. Two thousand of the latter refused to go to work yesterday.

All Work on Sewers Suspended.

St. Louis, April 2.—About 700 sewer and water pipe laborers of St. Louis went on strike yesterday because the contractors refused to grant their demands for an increase in wages.

NEWS FROM MISSOURI.

Capt. C. H. Nason, who had been the Hannibal & St. Joseph Railroad company's agent at Chillicothe since 1873, is dead. He was 69 years old.

United States Senator William Joel Stone has decided to establish his Missouri residence at Jefferson City. His son, Kimbrough, will remove to Kansas City, and locate there after April 10.

The 14-month-old daughter of E. C. Terhune, living eight miles northwest of Lamar, was burned to death. The child was left alone in the house and played with the fire in the stove.

The proprietors of five of the principal saloons of Joplin were arrested upon warrants sworn out by prosecuting attorney, charged with selling liquors and keeping their bars open on the Sabbath.

Col. D. C. Kennedy, who founded the Springfield leader in 1867, edited the paper until 1894, when he was appointed United States consul to Malta in which position he served for four years, died at his home in Springfield.

The Missouri building at the world's fair will cost \$185,000. The money will be expended as follows: Building proper, \$141,000; refrigerating plant, \$20,000; sculpture, \$15,000; electric fountain, \$5,000; mural decorations, \$5,000.

Mary Reneker, 6 years old, was burned to death at Carrollton. She was standing in front of the stove when coal oil was thrown on the fire. The flames burst out and her dress was ignited. She died a few hours later from the burns.

Miss Mary Frances Logan, the daughter of J. M. Logan, for 11 years principal of Franklin school at Sedalia, died of dropsy. She was born in Windsor, Ill., in 1848, and had been here since 1865, teaching nearly 20 years in the city and county schools.

G. C. Copeland, a Wash. railroad conductor residing at Wellsville, got a judgment for \$15,000 against that railroad affirmed in the supreme court. Copeland was injured by the wrecking of a passenger train of which he was in charge as conductor near Missouri City, in Clay county, in 1897.

Three years ago Isaac Brown deserted his wife and six small children, whom he left in abject poverty and went to Arizona to engage in copper mining. Recently he returned to Joplin for his wife and family, with \$10,000 on his person, but he found his wife married to John F. Brock and his family scattered.

At a meeting of the directors of the Missouri state fair at Sedalia it was decided to begin at once the erection of five new buildings, as follows, on the fair grounds here: Agricultural hall, 60x150 feet; horticultural hall, 80x160 feet; poultry building, 64x120 feet; two additional cattle barns, each 68x120 feet. The legislature appropriated \$75,000 for these buildings.

Gov. Dockery vetoed senate bill 166, by Senator Biggs. This bill sought to abolish the office of village collector and imposed the collection of the village taxes upon the county collector, who is required to collect the same in like manner as state and county taxes. The governor said the object sought is a good one, but the bill is improperly drawn and cannot be enacted.

It is not unlawful for women to hold their skirts high and dry in Joplin in muddy weather. That was the decision rendered recently in Judge Porter's court. Miss Flo Williams, a Webb City dressmaker, had been arrested for holding her skirts higher than is usual. She demonstrated the elevation of her skirts and explained to the court that her action had been prompted by a desire to keep her skirts out of the mud. She was discharged.

Love for the dumb brutes in his care will cost the life of Claude Clarke, who proved himself a hero during a fire at St. Joseph, which destroyed the livery barn of T. P. Maupin, 413 South Fourth street. At the risk of his life he rushed, time after time, into the burning structure and led the horses to safety. He was knocked down by a blind horse and pinned against a wagon in the building. He forced the animal off him by prodding it with his knife, which he got with great difficulty from his pocket.

Through the courtesy of the officials of the state fruit experiment station at Mountain Grove and the Frisco railroad, the farmers and fruit growers of Mansfield and adjacent territory were given a course of lectures and exhibition on spraying. The lectures were supported with an exhibition car fitted up by the fruit experiment station, containing a collection of spray pumps and materials used in making spray mixtures, microscopic collections of injurious insects and a collection of specimens of trees and plants showing the diseases that injure them.

Five houses in Eldorado street, Cartago, near the scene of work on the new White River railroad, building through that city, were wrecked by flying rocks. Near the street the company's men are blasting through 15 feet of solid rock for a right of way.

F. T. Holiday, a telegraph operator at West Plains, was taken from a passenger train at Springfield and after a trial, sentenced to five days in jail. Holiday was intoxicated and terrorized the passengers on the train by flourishing a revolver and threatening to shoot them.

Authentic news was received at Moberly that Andrew Carnegie had added \$5,000 to his former gift of \$15,000 for a public library in Moberly. Leslie Vandiver and Miss Kate Porter were married at Palmyra. The groom is 19 and the bride 18 years old.

During March 31 patients have been received at the Nevada insane asylum, making a total of 321 patients at that institution. A new wing is to be built on the asylum to accommodate the steadily increasing number of inmates.

OVER SIX MILLION DOLLARS.

Appropriations Made by the Missouri Legislature, Recently Adjourned—State University at Columbia Gets \$640,000.

Jefferson City, Mo., March 26.—The Missouri legislature was in session 76 days, the same amount of time, to a day, as the Forty-first general assembly consumed. It enacted 234 laws, but several of them have already been nullified by the governor's veto. The senate passed 100 bills and the house 128. The appropriations in the session aggregate \$6,402,026, according to the governor's figures. The totals taken from his list are as follows:

Assessing and collecting revenue	350,000
Civil list (salaries)	804,200
Pay of general assembly	175,000
Educational institutions	722,835
Deficiencies	95,167
Electronomy and penal institutions	1,069,700
General appropriation bill	1,178,335
Blinding twice plant at penitentiary	175,000
Transfer of income from Fulton to Farmington	1,500
Levee in New Madrid county	20,000
Refunding whiskey tax	20,712
Blind asylum, St. Louis	150,000
Public schools	2,000,000

The million dollars appropriated two years ago for the state's participation in the Louisiana purchase centennial exposition, less \$10,000 already expended, was reappropriated. Other appropriations are as follows:

Contingent and other incidental expenses of the state departments for 1903-04:	
Governor's office	5,000
Secretary of state	10,000
State treasurer	12,000
State auditor	6,500
State superintendent	5,000
Attorney general	4,500
Railroad commissioners	5,000
Adjutant general	3,000
Care of capital grounds, fuel, etc.	15,000
Supreme court	9,000
St. Louis court of appeals	141,000
Kansas City court of appeals	10,000
Repairs on capitol and executive mansion	41,000
State printing	83,200
Improvement of capitol grounds	1,000
Railroad guard	47,000
Appropriation of judicials	10,000
Circuit judges expenses	12,000
State library	7,500
State board of agriculture	42,800
Fish hatchery, St. Louis	16,000
Fish exhibit at world's fair and purchase of fish car	16,000
State horticultural society	8,000
National guard	47,000
State historical society	5,000
Cadets at state university	5,000
State board of health	10,000
Bureau of geology and mines	20,000
Bureau of labor statistics	30,000
State mine inspectors	8,500
State board of charities	5,000
Insurance department	1,000
Escheat fund	25,000
Beer inspection department	12,000
Road and canal fund	5,000
Colored institute fund	4,000
Building and loan department	15,000
Bank inspection	34,000
Payment of costs in criminal cases	420,000
Penitentiary (out of earnings)	66,500
State fair of 1903	75,000
State board of arbitration	5,000
Monument to B. Gratz Brown	1,500
Monument to Joseph W. McClurg	1,500
Circuit judge of new Thirty-second district	4,000
Prosecution of claim for interest against federal government	2,000
Outstanding union military bonds	400
Fulton asylum	78,900
St. Joseph asylum	57,000
Nevada asylum	21,000
Farmington asylum	210,400
Deaf and dumb institution at Fulton	187,000
Missouri school for blind at St. Louis	81,200
Reform school for boys at Booneville	68,200
Industrial home for girls at Booneville	47,700
Confederate home, Higginsville	68,300
Federal home, St. James	37,700
Feeble-minded colony, Marshall	164,000
State penitentiary	80,000
State university at Columbia	690,842.50
School of mines, Rolla	160,000.00
Normal school at Kirksville	61,750.00
Normal school at Warrensburg	137,270.00
Normal school at Cape Girardeau	246,300.00
Lincoln institute, Jefferson City	54,350.00
Fruit experiment station, Mountain Grove	32,000.00

Bills Signed by Gov. Dockery.

Jefferson City, Mo., March 27.—Gov. Dockery yesterday signed 13 house bills as follows: Affected bridges built in Jackson county; relating to levee crossings over railroads; relating to appointment of jurors to examine insane persons; relating to execution of judgment; relating to severers of streets; relating to private sewers in cities of the fourth class; relating to elections to vote on certain propositions; relating to levies; to prohibit junk dealers from buying junk from boys without parents' consent; relating to widening of streams; relating to the St. Francois basin; relating to township division for road improvement purposes.

Whiskey Got Him into Trouble.

West Plains, Mo., March 27.—Andy Tabor, a farmer, was shot by L. B. Wilson, owner of a confectionery store. Tabor, who was intoxicated, created a disturbance in Wilson's place and a fight followed, in which Tabor was accused of striking Wilson on the head with a flatiron. Tabor ran and Wilson followed and shot Tabor in the back with a revolver. Tabor's condition is dangerous.

Only Two Roads to World's Fair Gates.

St. Louis, March 27.—With the exception of the Wash. and St. Louis, Kansas City & Colorado railroad companies, terminal facilities to the world's fair grounds will not be provided by any of the St. Louis steam roads, either for dedication day, April 30, or for the world's fair next year.

Registration for Laborers Ordered.

Washington, March 27.—President Roosevelt yesterday issued an order extending to such large cities as may be agreed upon the registration system of laborers to the civil service outside of Washington, where it already has been established.

A Strike of Typewriter Workers Settled.

Little Falls, N. Y., March 27.—The strike of 125 alignment men and inspectors in the Remington typewriter works at Ilion was settled yesterday afternoon and the men returned to work to-day.

A Chemical Plant Burned.

Philadelphia, March 27.—The fifth and sixth floors of the building at Nos. 426 to 432 Fairmount avenue, occupied by Henry K. Wampole & Co., manufacturing pharmacists, was damaged by fire last night to the extent of \$60,000. The loss is covered by insurance.

Four Men Drowned While Fishing.

Owen Sound, Ont., March 27.—Four men were drowned at Bass lake, nine miles from here, yesterday afternoon. They were fishing in a leaky flat-bottomed boat, when it sank.